Docket No.: 43890-470

N THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit: 3724

Examiner: Timothy V. ELEY

In re Application of

Kunio KISHIMOTO, et al.

Serial No.: 09/736,499

Filed: December 15, 2000

For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING A CIRCUIT BOARD AND ITS

MANUFACTURING APPARATUS

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

Noting the Office Action of May 21, 2003 wherein restriction has been required, Applicant(s) hereby elect Group I (claims 1-49, drawn to a method of manufacturing a circuit board) for prosecution in the above-identified application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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